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TAGS: PINT MX PINS

SUBJECT: ATTEMPT ON MISS LOPEZ PORTILLO

REF: MEXICO 10309

1. ONLY MAJOR NEW DETAIL OF ATTEMPT DESCRIBED REFTEL IS THAT ATTACKER KILLED HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED THROUGH FINGERPRINTS AS DAVID JIMENEZ SARMIENTO, THE BEST KNOWN MEMBER AND MAJOR FIGURE WITHIN THE TWENTY THIRD OF SEPTEMBER COMMUNIST LEAGUE. JIMENEZ IS ATTRIBUTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOME FIFTEEN TERRORIST OPERATIONS OVER LAST YEAR AND A HALF, INCLUDING KIDNAPPING IN MAY OF DAUGHTER OF BELGIAN AMBASSADOR HERE.

2. POLICE SOURCES ARE DESCRIBING INCIDENT AS KIDNAPPING ATTEMPT RATHER THAN ASSASSINATION, BUT OTHER ASPECTS OF REFTEL APPEAR TO BE CORRECT.

3. COMMENT: THE IDENTIFICATION OF JIMENEZ, A NAME KNOWN TO THE MAN IN THE STREET AS A 23 OF SEPTEMBER COMMUNIST LEAGUE LEADER, WILL PROBABLY DAMPEN RUMORS AND SPECULATION (ABOUT WHO ATTACKERS WERE AND WHAT PURPOSE OF ATTACK MIGHT HAVE BEEN) WHICH OTHERWISE MIGHT HAVE DEVELOPED. ALSO, EXCEPT FOR THE SOCIALIST PARTY AND A LEFTIST JOURNALIST,

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WE THUS FAR HAVE HEARD NO VEILED SUGGESTIONS OF RIGHT WING OR FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND

POLITICAL FIGURES, A PATTERN OF REACTION TYPICAL OF  
PREVIOUS TERRORIST INCIDENTS.  
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